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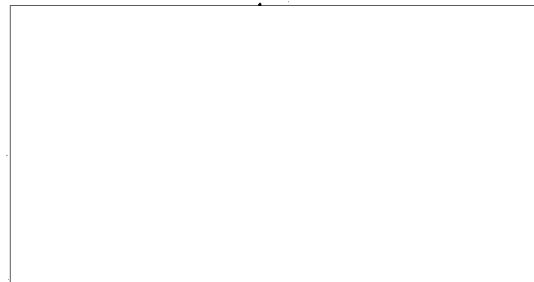
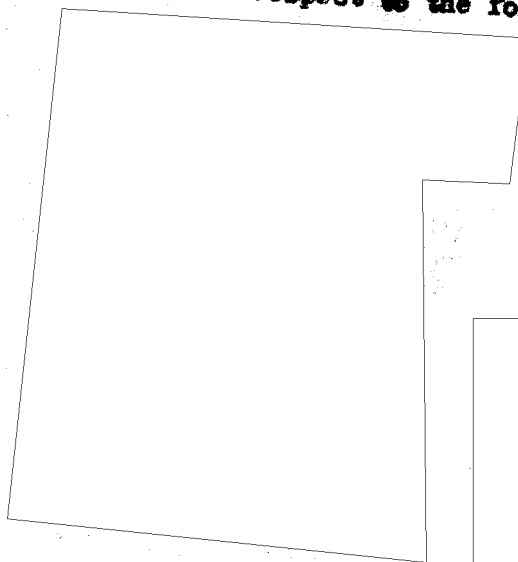
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State

1. Several recent reports have been received from [redacted] indicating that the Department of State is contemplating closing a number of United States consulates. On 4 June 1953 a Central Intelligence Agency officer was informally furnished a list of 43 consulates to be closed and 4 which were to be curtailed to single officer posts.

2. In view of the real interest which the Central Intelligence Agency has in the information reported through a number of these posts, I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this problem prior to final action with respect to the following places:

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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